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Country life near the city comes full circle with a well-designed, luxurious, albeit functional outdoor living space in Bedford, NY, on what was once bucolic dairy farmland. The owners of the residence decided to expand their entertaining space by adding a pool house and large outdoor swimming pool as an extension of the main house, which sits just 50 yards away. The architect, Michael Smith, took full advantage of the property's natural beauty, charm and ambience by designing and building the project against the backdrop of a stone earth and rock wall outcrop. The cedar shingle design of the carriage house complements and blends well with the architecture, style and color of the main house, which Michael also designed and built for the homeowners in 2004. The pool house includes a small kitchen, a large living area, a bar, two changing rooms and a large dormer bedroom upstairs, with a cozy window seat.

Spilling out onto one side of the pool house is a spectacular oasis for entertaining large groups. It includes an outdoor kitchen with a built-in grill, a sink, a wood-burning pizza oven and an under-counter refrigerator. This area seats eight people, and an overflow counter seats an additional six. On the other side of the pool house is a cozy covered patio and sitting area with a fireplace that is perfect for cool summer evenings or early fall cookouts. Guests huddle around the roaring fire because it is a natural gathering spot on a chilly night, and one of the most memorable ways to end an evening.





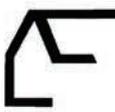




The interior design was also a crucial part of the project, so not all the action takes place outside. Jules Duffy, the interior designer, focused on bringing the outside earthy elements inside, with functional, water-resistant indoor and outdoor furniture and rugs he designed himself; a recycled coffee table he also created; and concrete end tables that cater to a practical and relaxed warm-weather lifestyle. The floors are maintenance-free limestone, and the carriage house features custom cabinetry and paneled wood ceilings. Jules used cool tones of green and blue as a nod to the water, coupled with agate-inspired artwork in the changing rooms, which also feature custom beaded chandeliers to create the mood of a special, secret place like one remembers from childhood. "It's a beautiful, functional space," says Jules, "and I wanted to make it feel very airy, open and spacious for hot summer days."



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